

TRAFFIC BOARD MEETING 1010
Minutes
Planning Conference Room, 4th Floor, City Hall
Thursday, September 10, 2015

Call to Order. Called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor.

Traffic Board Members Present: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Terry Kellogg, DPW Commissioner; William Yeager, Assistant Chief BPD

Traffic Board Members Absent: Bill Berg, Councilman; Gary Holmes, Engineering

Also Present: Sgt. Dave Petryszyn, BPD Traffic; William Lescault, BPD Traffic; Dan Correll, Retired BPD; Katherine Davis, Principal Clerk; Mari Giurastante, Planning; Allison Sosa, Corp Council; Sara Campbell, HH&K; Mr. and Mrs. Zalusky; Irya Zalusky; J. Motsavage, Councilman

Approval of Minutes. Request to approve the minutes **Traffic Board Meeting 1009, held on Thursday August 13, 2015.**

Moved by: W. Yeager, T. Kellogg

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: W. Yeager, T. Kellogg, J. Kraham

Nays: None

Absent: B. Berg, G. Holmes

Items Considered

Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. Ms. Marcia Huntoon of 152 Mary Street is requesting a barrier or guide rail to protect her property at the corner of Mary Street and Sherwood Avenue. She indicated that the request is based on numerous accidents and near accidents at that location. Traffic board requested additional follow-up with Ms. Huntoon. Mr. Correll reported that there were only two incidents at this location and it had nothing to do with the cars coming down the hill. The Traffic Division does not see a reason for a barricade at this location. Mr. Perkins asked why the stop signs are on Sherwood Avenue and not Mary Street when Mary Street is the more traveled route. He will take a drive to look at this location and Ms. Paddick will look into counts (in May) for this intersection as well. Mr. Perkins reported that he will have the data by the August Mtg. Mr. Holmes reported that he tried to explain to Ms. Huntoon that even a guiderail may not prevent a car from going onto her property. So he reluctant to keep adding pieces of guiderail which only creates a false sense of security. Mr. Holmes and Mr. Correll will look into this intersection again, together. **Hold until Thursday, October 8, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

19 Chenango Street. Amended change from Traffic to delete and insert Section 23 as follows:

The Traffic Division request the following parking regulations updates to the City Traffic Code to facilitate on street parking on the east side of Chenango Street, north of the Court Street, following the completion of the roundabout:

Delete:

Section 45 - Two Hour Parking Meter Zones

Chenango Street – East Side – from 130 feet north of Court Street to 190 feet north.

Section 22.3 – Parking for Handicapped Persons Zone Chenango Street - East Side –from 108 feet north of Court Street to 130 feet north.

Section 23 No Parking Anytime Zone from Court Street- East Side to 108' north.

Insert:

Section 45 - Two Hour Parking Meter Zones Chenango Street – East Side – from 108 feet north of Court Street to 168 feet north.

Section 22.3 – Parking for Handicapped Persons Zone Chenango Street _ East Side –from 168 feet north of Court Street to 190 feet north.

Section 23-No Parking Anytime Zone from Court Street-East side to 128' north.

Moved by: Yeager, Kellogg

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: W. Yeager, T. Kellogg, J. Kraham

Nays: None

Absent: B. Berg, G. Holmes

Truesdell Street. Traffic division looking into making one side of the street “no parking.” **Hold until Thursday, October 8, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Crossing Guard Locations. Ms. Paddick noted that a report was made which included the following scenarios at all the schools to determining whether or not crossing guards are needed at these locations. Officer Lescault and Sgt. Petryszyn both reported that keeping guards at all these locations is very difficult which ultimately means that 4-5 police officers end up having to watch the locations. In addition, many of these locations have been here for so long without any re-evaluation over the years. Mr. Kraham will look into this further to find out what needs to be done for this to pass. **Hold until Thursday, October 8, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

NEW BUSINESS

182-184 State Street Parking. A letter was sent to the city from Community Options regarding parking. They are requesting a loading/unloading zone in front of their office. There is currently a handicapped space in front of the building and they would like to move it up one spot and replace it with a loading/unloading space. Traffic will look into this and report back at the October meeting. **Hold until Thursday, October 8, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Bronson Ave and Bevier Street. Removal of Traffic signal. The DOC would like this light to be replaced with a four way stop because the traffic light is not in good working order and could possibly be hit by a passing truck at some point. Mr. Kraham is concerned about the removal of this light because there is a school at that location. He noted that should be considered in making the final decision. Ms. Paddick and Traffic will look into this and report back. **Hold until Thursday, October 8, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

10 Downs Avenue. Parking Letter was sent regarding 10 Downs Ave. A ticket was received at this location. Ms. Campbell is filing a complaint on behalf of the Zaluskys who have lived at this address for more than 30 years. During which time, they have parked in front of their home without any problems. No tickets were ever issued until recently. After construction was done several years ago, asphalt was laid where there was grass. Both sides of Downs Ave are marked No Parking now and nobody can park on the street now. They would like one car to be parked at this location, off the street. Officer Lescault said that the area between the sidewalk and the street does not allow parking on it. Kraham said that while parking on the sidewalk is not allowed, the Engineering department will conduct a study and report back with possible parking options at the next traffic board meeting. **Hold until Thursday, October 8, 2015 Traffic Board meeting.**

Adjournment at 10:28 a.m.

Moved by: T. Kellogg, W. Yeager

Motion carried. (Vote 3-0-2)

Ayes: W. Yeager, T. Kellogg, J. Kraham

Nays: None

Absent: B. Berg, G. Holmes